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To:

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Washington, D.C.

From:

William H. Webster, Director

Subject: NARCO-TERRORISM ANTI-DRUG ACT OF 1986

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the cooperation of your operational representatives in areas of mutual concern regarding the investigation of international terrorism in the United States. Indeed, your valuable contributions have assisted in reducing the domestic threat of international terrorism and we look forward to a continued and productive association.

Congress, as you may be aware, recently enacted the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 which contains a requirement to determine whether the funding operations of international terrorists and specific acts of terrorism can be linked to trafficking in narcotics. Specifically, Title II, Section 2014 of the Act mandates that a report on "the steps taken to improve the capability of the executive branch to collect information concerning the link between narcotics traffickers and the act of terrorism abroad" be undertaken. As a result of this congressional mandate, a report must be submitted by the President to Congress to develop an effective and coordinated means for responding to the threat posed by such links. The Attorney General has designated the FBI as lead agency responsible for the preparation of this report.

In order to ensure that the objectives of this narco-terrorism legislation are met, I am requesting any information your agency may have regarding the links between narcotics traffickers and terrorist organizations abroad. I am also soliciting your views and ideas as to what steps may be taken to meet the goals of developing an effective and coordinated means to counter this particular threat. As we proceed in addressing this subject, additional discussions and meetings may well be necessary.

I have designated Supervisory Special Agent Dale F. Martell, Terrorism Section, Criminal Investigative Division to coordinate your agency's response to this congressional mandate

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for the Presidential Report. It is requested that your designee or designees submit responses to him by December 15, 1986. Responses submitted by this date will enable us to meet the 90-day congressional deadline for the President's response.

In order to achieve the widest range of pertinent information regarding the relationship between narcotics trafficking and terrorist activity, I have also solicited contributions from the National Security Agency, United States Department of State, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Upon completion of the final draft of the Presidential Report, I will have a copy delivered for your review as well as other comments and suggested modifications you may wish to make regarding the use of your information.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation for your cooperation in addressing the international terrorism problem and look forward to our continued collaboration.